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Applicant: Nash et al. :
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For: **Digital Film Processing Solutions and Method of Digital Film Processing**
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENTS

Dear Sir:

In the Official Action dated March 27, 2003, the Examiner asserted that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: (1) aqueous black-and-white developing solution, (2) aqueous color developing solution and (3) aqueous activator developing solution. Applicants hereby elect the species of (2) aqueous color developing solution.

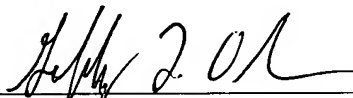
In the Official Action dated March 27, 2003, the Examiner asserted that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species: (1) surfactant additive and (2) thickening additive. Applicants hereby elect the species of (2) thickening additive.

These species elections are made with traverse on the basis that it is not necessary for examination of the present claims to require species elections. Examination of claims 1-16 in their entirety is therefore requested.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Examiner's species election requirements. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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